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Dear Ms. Bittner,

The Organized Village of Kasaan (OVK) is seeking funding through the Denali Commission to build an approximately 1600 square foot medical clinic in Kasaan, Alaska.

As a Federal undertaking, the Kasaan Clinic is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires that the public, Federal, State and local agencies be informed of the proposed project plans to assist in identifying any issues or concerns regarding the construction of the clinic's facilities. This letter provides information regarding this proposed project. OVK is a Federally recognized Tribe that serves as a government provider of primary community services to the residents of Kasaan. Currently, there is no medical clinic in Kasaan and residents must travel to neighboring communities for any medical care. The Denali Commission has funded this pilot project to develop a new standard of medical clinic for small rural communities. Successful development of the clinic is required to maintain community health services. The proposed Kasaan Clinic will be an approximately 1600 square foot medical facility that would:

- Address unmet service demand by adding capabilities for exam and procedure rooms, behavioral health services and other community health programs
- Provide staff with on-site offices, working space, and meeting facilities, allowing them to work together
- Allow compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy requirements and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards

OVK is seeking funding through Denali Commission and other Federal sources for the clinic's construction. The site is already owned by the OVK (see attached plat). The site description is Lots All, Block 10 of US Survey 1896, Kasaan Townsite. There is no site control nor zoning issues associated with the clinic lot.

The project scope for Denali Commission funding and Indian Health Services (IHS) funding does not require a full Environmental Assessment (EA). The Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment, resident interviews and research of previous archeological documentation performed for the project did not indicate any potential historic or archeological concerns.

The Kasaan Clinic is not anticipated to have significant impacts on the human environment; however the following items may occur as a result of the project:

- Loss of vegetation and the partial filling of a wetland
- Fish and wildlife habitat alteration

Please send any specific comments, concerns or recommendations that you may have regarding the OVK Clinic and its potential effects to the contact listed below within 30 days of receiving this Letter to:

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Thank you very much for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Gould', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Greg Gould
Division Manager
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Figure 2. A 2004 community map of Kasaan, Alaska showing property boundaries and community infrastructure. The Clinic lot site is Block 10, of U.S. Survey 1896. This figure is modified from the community map provided by the Alaska Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs.